(*d*) How do the Government meet the expenditure under *maramath* works, establishments and contingencies in the factories that come under each system ?

(*e*) What are the rates of *kudivaram* granted to licensees of the factories under each system ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (1)

(i) Tamaracolam Old Allom,
(ii) Rajakkamangalam, and
(iii) Colachel.

(2) *Nil.*

(3) (i) Puttallom,
(ii) Avadhanial's Factory (Extension No. I),
(iii) Cape Comorin General Traffic Co's Factory (Extension No. II),
(iv) Sri Mula Gopalanathan allom,
(v) Sri Mula Krishnamani allom,
(vi) Sri Sankara allom,
(vii) Dr. Sankaramurti Pillai's allom,
(viii) Swami allom,
(ix) Kumari allom, and
(x) Variyur Factory.

(*b*) The Monopoly System came into force from 988 M. E. The Modified Excise system came into force from 1097 M. E.

(*c*) and (*d*) The information is available in the Salt Regulation, III of 1088, and the Rules passed thereunder.

(*e*) The *kudivaram* paid to the licensees of each factory is given below:—

Monopoly factories	...	$12\frac{1}{2}$ chackrams per maund.
Puttallom	...	$3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund.
Avadhanial's factory	...	$2\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund.
All the other factories	...	$2\frac{3}{4}$ annas per maund.

The Modified Excise System, its evils.

190. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, since the introduction of the Modified Excise System, only the rich are in a position to manufacture salt and not people of ordinary means ?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that some of the provisions of the Modified Excise System have contributed towards the poor production of salt in the Tamaracolam Factory ?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the existence of the Monopoly System and the Modified Excise System, side by side in the same factory, will cause various grievances to the salt licensees under the Monopoly System ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) There is no salt factory where both the Monopoly System and the Modified Excise System are combined. Each factory is working under the one or the other system of salt manufacture.

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